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NOW IT'S AUSTRALIA

THEY all said it couldn't happen in Australia, following the violence that erupted in Brussels during the European Cup Final.

But it did yesterday at Sydney's Pratten Park. Although there were

no deaths as in Brussels, the crowd disturbance was equally disgusting.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Fans invaded the pitch in the 36th minute of the match between Sydney Olympic and Sydney City, when Olympic's star striker and crowd idol, Marshall Soper was shown a red card by the referee Ken Small.

A scuffle had developed seven minutes earlier between Sydney City's centre-back, Gerardo Gomez and Soper which earned them both a yellow card.

When the two players clashed again the referee was left with no alternative but to dismiss Soper for retaliation.

Soper's dismissal ignited the crowd invasion which saw Sydney City's coach, Eddie Thomson and goalkeeper, Tony Pezzano run for their lives.

Sydney City and Olympic players rushed to protect the referee and help escort him off the ground and into the players' tunnel to safety.

With chaos reigning on the playing pitch a sea of soccer fans flooded onto the pitch. The referee Mr Small was left with no alternative but to call the match off.

Within minutes of



SYDNEY OLYMPIC's Marshall Soper and Sydney City's Gerardo Gomez are pictured here moments before the scuffle that triggered the crowd invasion.



MEMBERS of the Police force on the scene after the crowd invasion of the pitch had been quelled.

the crowd eruption 14 police cars and Channel 9's News helicopter converged on Pratten Park.

"I have never been so scared in my life", Thomson told us in the dressing rooms after the match.

A somewhat shaken Pezzano stated: "I love the code but at this stage I feel I must retire from the game. When I saw my mother frightened out of her life that's when I contemplated retiring. It's just not worth it."

"I couldn't believe it really, because last year we played Olympic in the finals in front of 14,500 fans and there was no trouble whatsoever. They were as good as gold", Pezzano reflected.

Sydney Olympic's president, Mr Jim Petinellis, visibly distressed, told ASW:



EDDIE THOMSON

"This wouldn't have happened had the NSL acted upon my request last week."

"I had requested that a Melbourne referee be flown up for this match and was assured by the executive that this would be done".

Sydney City's World Cup, John Kosmina, stated: "Maybe if both Gomez and Soper had been sent off in the first incident this wouldn't have happened. It's a great shame for soccer".

Meanwhile last night, the General Manager of the NSL, Mr Stefan Kamasz said to ASW, "We acted upon Olympic's request to appoint Melbourne referee Chris Bambridge, and in fact did so. But because of the strike at

Sydney's airport, we couldn't land him here and thus had to re-appoint Ken Small".

Mr Kamasz also stated that the matter will be discussed at the NSL's headquarters this afternoon, and a tribunal will be set up during the week.

The tribunal will use TV video tapes as evidence, supplied by the channels covering the match.

Expletives are too good to describe this irresponsible madness.

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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

I'M taking this space to inform all ASW readers that as Editor I am setting out on a mission to make AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY thrive and reach even more illustrious heights.

I'd like to take some space to thank two fellows at the paper for their guidance, tuition and overall help in putting together the paper — no names needed, they know who they are and they have my gratitude.

The paper is already number one in Australia and will continue to reap success in the future.

ASW will become bigger, brighter and better from here on in be assured. Although it's a hackneyed old saying it is what I aim to achieve, but only you the public can inform me if we are giving you necessary satisfaction — drop us a line anytime.

With esteemed writers of the calibre of David Jack, Tom Anderson, Keith Gilmour, John Warren, Phil Murphy and countless others, the publication can only continue to get better.

But remember we are here to serve you — THE PUBLIC — so if you have any praises, criticisms or ideas, please contact us and make your feelings known.

— FRANK COLETTA

MONARO KEEP ON WINNING STREAK

BY KEN HEALEY

INTER MONARO stretched its unbeaten run to eight games with a 3-1 win over unimpressive Penrith at Seiffert Oval.

Without a win since May 5, the Mountain Men showed no flair in midfield, where their only way forward was a series of long high balls.

When Mickey Cross conceded the softest own goal of the season just three minutes before the break, the press box heaved a sigh of relief.

The second half had lots more to report, specifically three excellent goals and a disallowed goal that many people thought should have stood.

It was in the 67th minute, and Monaro was 2-0 ahead following a delightful solo goal by Bas Giampaolo in the 53rd minute.

Ian Hunter made a good run and released the ball from 25 metres. To everyone's

amazement it beat Michael Hocking at the far post, but was disallowed.

Penrith's goal came from a similar long shot by Donald Campbell with 11 minutes left.

Monaro's third goal was the best of all. Tony Brennan, Chris Thamnidis and Giampaolo combined to take the ball almost the length of the field before midfielder Billy Wilcox scored.

Man of the match: Monaro midfielder ANGELO AMBROSINO, for a tireless and effective effort.

MONARO: Hocking, Williams, Tullawa, Budini, Tili, Santolin, A. Ambrosino, Wilcox, Walsh (Brennan 73), Giampaolo, Thamnidis.

PENRITH: Gibson, Brogan, Ainsworth, Cross, Campbell, Hebb, Wotherspoon, Toohey, Jones, Licata (Hunter half-time), Easthope.

REFEREE: Bob Marshall. CROWD: 641.

ROBBIE SLATER SLAYS APIA IN 4 - 1 WIN

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

ROBBIE SLATER, St George's pacy flank-striker, hit scintillating form when virtually on his own, he destroyed Apia to the tune of 4-1 at the St George Stadium.

Running red-hot, Slater scored a hat-trick, (his first ever), set up his team-mate Vic Bozanic to score the other, and also struck the post with a 20 metre drive.

As early as the fourth minute, Slater served warning that he would be running hot for the evening when he hit a 20 metre, left-footed "bomb" to score.

Just five minutes later, Apia's striker, recently signed from Scotland, Jim McBride, threatened to make a battle of it.

McBride equalised with a low 18 metre drive that flashed just inside the first post.

In the 68th minute, Apia substitute striker, Tony Genovese, broke into the clear and looked set to score.

St George's, centre-back, Michael O'Shea, appeared from nowhere and fouled Genovese just outside the box to block the danger, simultaneously earning himself a yellow card from referee, Tim Davies.

Slater scored his second goal in the 69th minute, when he met a Roy Cotton cross, nodded it down with his head and smashed a half-volley into the roof of the net.

The Saints went to a 3-1 lead in the 77th minute, when, again, that man Slater was on the scene, this time as a creator.

The red-headed speedster, flashed down the left flank veered infield and cut back a brilliant ball off the goal-line to find

REFEREE: T. Davies. CROWD: 653.

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SCOREBOARD

NSL NORTHERN DIVISION

ROUND 18:

ST GEORGE 4 (R Slater 3, V Bozanic 1) LEICHHARDT 1 (J McBride) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 653.

WOLLONGONG 2 (D Merton, P Brodnik) MARCONI 3 (D Lowe 3) at Wollongong. Crowd: 1076.

LEICHHARDT 1 (T Steven) NEWCASTLE 0 at Lambert Park. Crowd: 519.

SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (J Patikas) CANBERRA 0 at Croatian Sports Centre. Crowd: 2680.

BLACKTOWN 0 ST GEORGE 3 (R Slater, 2 T Morgan) at the Gabbie. Crowd: 685.

MONARO 3 (M Cross, og B Giampaolo, B Wilcox)

PENRITH 1 (D Campbell) at Seiffert Oval. Crowd: 641.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC v SYDNEY CITY at Pratten Park — abandoned after 32 mins with Sydney City leading 1-0.

P W D L F A Pts

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney Croatia	17	11	5	2	41	19	27
Marconi	16	11	5	2	40	20	27
Sydney City	16	10	4	2	32	17	24
Sydney Olympic	17	10	1	6	22	20	21
St George	16	6	6	6	26	22	18
Blacktown	18	7	3	8	27	23	17
Canberra	17	6	5	7	26	28	17
Inter Monaro	18	6	4	8	26	34	16
Apia Leichhardt	16	6	1	10	19	29	13
Penrith City	17	3	6	9	20	26	12
Newcastle Rosebud	16	3	4	11	17	36	10
Wollongong City	17	3	4	11	21	42	10

NSW STATE LEAGUE

1st	0-0	1-0	1-0
Warringah N'been v Bankstown National	0-0	3-0	1-0
Rockdale Ilinden v Fairy Meadow	2-1	4-2	0-2
Ku-ring-gai v Manly Warringah	0-1	1-0	1-1
Cant M'ville Oly v Uruguayan Auburn	1-0	0-1	1-1
Melita Eagles v Polonia	0-1	6-0	4-1

TNT SKYPAK LEAGUE

Fairy Meadow	14	11	2	1	21	7	24
Melita Eagles	14	8	3	3	29	13	19
Ku-ring-gai	14	7	5	2	18	10	19
Canterbury-M'ville	14	8	3	3	32	16	19
Sutherland	14	6	5	3	24	13	17
Avala	14	5	6	3	17	11	16
Rockdale Ilinden	14	5	5	4	21	14	15
Manly Warringah	13	3	6	4	14	14	12
Uruguay Auburn	13	1	4	8	6	17	6
Warringah N'been	13	1	4	8	4	29	6
Polonia	13	2	2	9	12	33	6
Bankstown National	12	0	3	9	4	25	3

STATE LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

Gladesville Hornsby v Campbelltown City	4-1	3-2	1-0
Dee Why v Bathurst '75	0-0	1-0	0-0
Penrith United v Wollongong Mac	1-1	7-1	
Penrith United v Queens Park	0-11	1-1	0-0
SSC Yugal v Cant & Dist.	5-1	3-0	1-0
North Bankstown v Blacktown United	0-0	3-1	1-1
Wollongong Macedonia v Artarmon	3-1	3-2	0-1

SECOND DIVISION

W'gong Macedonia	13	11	2	0	30	7	22
Gladesville Hby	12	9	1	2	26	8	19
Blacktown United	11	7	1	3	28	11	15
Yugal	12	5	3	4	27	17	13
Artarmon	10	4	3	3	18	12	11
Queens Park	9	5	2	1	23	7	12
North Bankstown	12	4	3	5	14	10	11
Campbelltown City	10	4	1	5	13	13	9
Bathurst '75	11	2	4	5	18	19	8
Dee Why	12	2	4	6	7	21	6
Canterbury & Dist	11	1	2	8	8	34	4
Penrith United	13	0	2	11	8	55	2

STATE LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION

Bondi Marina v Rooty Hill	1-0	1-1	7-0
Kingsford v Baulkham Hills	1-1	2-4	0-2
Moorebank L v King Tomislav	0-1	0-2	2-0
Granville Dist v Campbelltown Dist</td			

SOUTH MELBOURNE SHOOT INTO TOP PLACE AGAIN

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

SOUTH Melbourne regained the lead in the National League, following the upset defeat of Brunswick Juventus at the hands of the underdogs, Adelaide City.

A slender 1-0 win over Sunshine George Cross enabled South Melbourne to take the reins of the southern division, for yet another time in this year's championship, and reinforced their bid for the championship title.

In a highly competitive and extremely even encounter Sunshine matched the performance of their conquerors blow by blow, but at the end failed to match the experience of their opponents, thus conceding defeat.

Socceroo Oscar Crino broke the deadlock in the 78th minute with an opportunist goal in a goalmouth scramble.

The discerning mid-fielder outwitted the opposing defenders and headed the ball in.

After the game police were busy dispersing supporters from both clubs who clashed on the way out of Chaplin Reserve.

Green Gully produced the other major upset in the Southern Division, downing

high-flying Melbourne Croatia 2-0 at Olympic Park.

Injury-riddled Croatia fielded a makeshift side, which found the going against a desperate Green Gully side very tough and finally succumbed to their relentless pressure.

Gully's latest recruits, George Campbell and Tommy Cumming, scored the winning goals that hauled Green Gully clear of the relegation zone.

Gully established a clear difference of five points from the doomed Footscray side and made certain of their position in the National League.

Meantime Melbourne coaches Brian Garvey of Heidelberg United and Bill Murray of Preston found themselves lost in the world of mutual admiration, after their respective sides had played an entertaining 0-0 draw at Olympic Village.

Garvey complimented his opposition for their determination and discipline in this nail-biting

encounter, and Murray reciprocated with complimentary comments for the application and incessant drive of his opposition.

The game had all the ingredients of a derby, with the exception of the physical element, due to the impressive performance of South Australia referee Don Campbell.

Campbell stamped the violent stuff out of the game with some stern warnings to players right from the outset.

Preston took the field determined to avenge their 4-1 thrashing of the first round and mounted a series of blistering attacks that forced Heidelberg United to retreat in defence.

The home team, however, responded positively to the challenge and produced some inspiring counter attacks that forced Preston to abandon their offensive plans.

In the circumstances the game evolved to an even battle with Heidelberg United producing the

better scoring opportunities.

Preston's upcoming goalkeeper Phil Trainidis stole the limelight in the 58th minute of the game, denying Heidelberg what could have been the deciding goal.

Trainidis capped a brilliant performance with a penalty save from international centre-half Charlie Yankos.

Yankos's ground shot was parried to a corner by Trainidis.

But while Heidelberg United and Preston shared the points in a thrilling draw, Footscray suffered a fatal blow at Schintler Reserve, going down to Brisbane Lions 2-1.

Footscray went into the lead after 65 minutes with Jamie Paton and looked certain to upset Lions. Richard Bassingthwaite however levelled the score in the 74th minute thus reducing Footscray's hopes for a win.

Lions completed Footscray's misery in the 85th minute when Danny Wright netted the winning goal.



Tommy Cumming (centre)

NISCIOLI THE NEW HERO

BY TOM MCKAIN

ADELAIDE City charged back from the dead to beat leaders Melbourne Juventus 2-1 at Olympic Sports Field with Juventus reduced to 10 players after Richard Miranda had been sent off with 18 minutes left.

And while it was Charlie Villani who got both goals for Adelaide, the home side had a new hero in goalkeeper Steve Niscioli who stepped in to replace Steve



Referee Barry Hardwood caused a sensation among the travelling Melbourne supporters when Miranda fouled Brian Northcote with seven minutes left for play.

With Miranda still lying like a log he was carded him as a stretcher was brought onto the field.

Miranda was taken to hospital in an ambulance with a suspected neck injury.



LEICHHARDT JUST!

LEICHHARDT certainly did it the hard way yesterday at Lambert Park in downing fellow relegation battlers Newcastle Rosebud 1-0.

The all important goal was scored by ex-Manly midfielder Tom Steven only four minutes from half-time when he rose above several Newcastle defenders to head a fine corner by Jim Hamilton into the top right hand corner.

By no means did Apia have it all their own way however. The Newcastle boys made them fight every inch of the way and the Rosebuds may consider themselves a trifle unlucky not to have gained at least a point.

Leichhardt started with a lot of enterprise but unfortunately for them little execution.

Throughout the second half Newcastle pushed forward relentlessly in numbers and were unlucky not to have levelled when in the 57th minute Darren Stewart hit the crossbar with a header and then followed up to blast the ball over from a mere three metres.

BY FRANK COLETTA

In fact two minutes earlier Stewart seemed to have had a fair claim to a penalty when he tangled with Apia defender Mark Brown but referee Peter Rampley just waved play on.

LEICHHARDT: Catlin, Sterrey, Brown, Rowden, Mariani, Butler, Hamilton, McCullioch, McBride, Steven, Morsello.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Maier, Owens, Boag, Jones, MacQuarrie, Senalski, Thompson, Todd (Milosevic 71), Stewart, Brandt.

CROWD: 519.
REFEREE: P. RAMPLEY.

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THE day that brought shame and disgrace to Australian soccer and one that will have lasting effects on the code in NSW.

This is the only way to describe the sad happenings at Pratten Park when mob violence took over and around 300 spectators invaded the ground.

The match was abandoned in the 35th minute following scenes that were more befitting a jungle than a soccer stadium.

Indeed it was fortunate that nobody was killed in the rampage.

There can be no excuse for such actions and there is no way this sort of stuff can be condoned.

The playing action was minimal - and City went into the lead with a Gerry Gomez header in the 24th minute.

At this time the action was hard but not all that explosive.

Then in the 30th minute Gerry Gomez lunged at Marshall Soper with a high tackle with Gomez's boot ending up around Soper's face.

Afterwards Soper

claimed that Gomez kicked him in the mouth.

Anyway Soper retaliated and both players were booked by referee Ken Small.

In my opinion both players should have been sent off after this incident.

Then in the 35th minute, Soper and Gomez clashed again and this time Soper received his marching orders.

This brought on the invasion of the pitch and the scenes that followed were disgraceful.

In the aftermath of Brussels, this will now give soccer in this country a kick in the stomach that it will take a long time to recover from.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier; Rogers, Ziras, Stankovic, Jennings; Johnston, Raskopoulos, Ogn; Soper, Patalis, Kalantzis.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano; Rodrigues, Robertson, Gomez, Cant; Watson, Barnes, Falconer, Kay; Kosmina, Lee.

REFEREE: Ken Small.
CROWD: Approx. 3000.



Mob rule takes over at Pratten Park as angry spectators lay siege to the tunnel from the playing pitch to the dressing rooms.

SAYS TOM ANDERSON



DAVID LOWE

JIMMY GRABS THE WINNER

BY KEITH GILMOUR

CROATIA caught Canberra City Olympians with one defender short when Jimmy Patikas scored the winning goal at the Croatian Sports Centre yesterday.

Until the 48th minute the game was scoreless as it varied between clever football and some scrappy periods.

The ball moved swiftly across the face of goal and finally Zeljko Juric found Patikas wide on the right. He smashed in his 13th goal of the championship series with a tremendous rising shot which gave the ever-alert Tony Franken not the ghost of a chance.

After this the chances continued at either end, with Canberra opening up in the vain hope that a goal might come their way.

The closest they came was three minutes from the end when Canberra cried loud and long for referee Richard Lorenz to award a penalty kick after Peter Burke claimed to have been solidly pushed in the penalty area.

Croatia's makeshift

defence performed creditably, with Vedran Rozic and Dragan Tomasic giving particular attention to Canberra's Manis Lamond.

Of all the players on the park there were none who did better than Lamond and his team-mate Tony Franken.

Lamond showed speed and skill that was a wonder to behold and Franken kept goal superbly.

Steve Watson came back into the Croatia team for the injured Greg Woodhouse and performed with great credit.

The win kept Croatia at the top of the table and they have players to come back from the sick, injured and suspended list such as Bruno Vidaic, Marijan Kovacic, Tom Basic and Greg Woodhouse.

MAN OF THE MATCH went to MANIS LAMOND, although how to separate his performance from that of Tony Franken created quite a headache.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Watson, A. Kovacic, Rozic, Tomasic, Rezo, Savor, Cilich, Odzakov, Patikas (Kero 89), Juric (Dragicevic 85), Arnold.

CANBERRA CITY: Franken, Mihailidis, Harms, Burke, Bryant, Sermanni, Byrne, Dunne (Ontong 81), Gibson, Lamond, English.

REFEREE: R. Lorenz.
CROWD: 2680.



JIM PATIKAS

ROBBIE RAMS HOME TWO MORE GOALS

BY HAROLD HOBINS



FOR the second time in four days, Robbie Slater has hit the goal trail to give his team, St George, a precious victory.

At the Gabba yesterday, Slater was the main difference between St George and Blacktown... as he was a few days earlier when Apia suffered from his tantalising penetration.

Slater opened the scoring against Blacktown in the 27th minute when he followed up a David Ratcliffe shot which hit the post.

Ten minutes after half-time, Slater added a second goal when he ghosted in from the wing leaving Blacktown defenders in strife and crashed a 20 metre shot home.

Saints third goal was from the penalty spot, with UK import Trevor Morgan the marksman.

The fortunes of Robbie Slater have changed dramatically in the past eight days.

When Saints played Canberra, Slater was not even in the side, having to sit on the bench as a sub.

Now, the red-head has graduated from club substitute to being a possible in Australia's World Cup squad.

His new-found goalscoring touch, after he spent most of the year missing goals, could be a big bonus for the Socceroos, assuming young Slater carries on with the good work.

Saints are now in the top five, quite a transformation from being relegation candidates so recently.

MARCONI COACH RUBBISHES SHOWGROUND

BY PHIL MURPHY

MARCONI coach Les Scheinflug rubbished the playing surface at Wollongong Showground after his team staged a Houdini act to beat battler Wollongong City 3-2 yesterday.

Scheinflug said the ground may be suitable for rugby league but is well short of NSL standard with the ball bouncing all over the place with skilful players wasting their time trying to entertain the public.

Ironically, Scheinflug's team may well have ensured NSL games aren't played on Wollongong Showground next season... because after being 2-0 down at half-time Marconi have added to the Wolves' relegation worries.

David Lowe scored all three goals - two from the penalty spot - to keep Marconi in the premiership front but they were far from impressive.

Wollongong dominated the first half with goals from Dez Marton direct from a corner and young striker Pat Brodnik but it could easily have been 4-0 had they made the most of the chances to come their way.

Marconi midfielder CRAIG MASON was the man of the match showing plenty of aggression in attack



CRAIG MASON

WOLLONGONG: Velkov, Green, Vlaistra, Willis, Gaffney, Hristovski (Kerr 85), Marton, Kotamanidis, Bundalo, Godzik, Brodnik.

MARCONI: McPherson, Carter, Rizzotto, Sterrey, Calderan, Mason, Sharne, Lowe, Brown, Gray, Tredinnick.

REFEREE: G. Warne.
CROWD: 1,076.



CHIT CHAT

WARWICK YOUNG has tried for several years to play in the NSL but hasn't succeeded.

The goalkeeper from the NSW south coast hoped he'd make NSL standard with Wollongong Wolves and later with St George, but was disappointed each time.

Now Young has returned to his old club, Fairy Meadow, in the Skypak State League in NSW and has yet another opportunity to hit the NSL heights.

Fairy Meadow are leaders of the competition and, if they stay on top, will qualify for promotion to the National League.

WARWICK YOUNG is very miserly in conceding goals. The team has given away only six goals in 13 games.

His brother **CRAIG YOUNG**, incidentally, is a top rugby league star with St George and his dad is a former distinguished soccer international for Australia.



SOCCEROO coach **FRANK AROK** took a gamble when he selected an Australian team without a right-back in the international series.

Now Arok is wondering if he has started a trend.

He pointed out: "When St George played Canberra City, the players in Canberra's full-back spots were not really backs. But their two regular full-backs, **ONTONG** and **JONES**, were on the bench as subs!"



SERGIO MELTA, Adelaide City's Australian Soccer Press Association Player of the Year last season, may get back into the limelight.

Out with an injured knee early in the season, he has been used as a full-back since he returned, and not in his normal midfield role, where he proved himself a spectacular performer.

With the arrival of **COLIN McADAM** from Scotland's Rangers, coach **EDMUND KREFT** is expected to switch Melta back to the middle of the park.

LEICHARDT goalkeeper **ROBBIE PARKS** is out of the NSL.

Now back in Adelaide in his job with Telecom, he was expected to join Adelaide City, but last week he signed for State League team Campbelltown.

He should make his debut this week, as a replacement for star keeper **LOU PIVETTA** who is to holiday overseas.



NEWLY-SIGNED Wollongong City goalkeeper **KIRI VELKOV** must be wondering why his team is on the bottom of the league.

In his first two senior games for the club — against Penrith and Sydney Olympic — Velkov had hardly anything to do between the posts.

The Wolves could easily have won both games but had to be content with just a point from their draw against Penrith.

The former Rockdale keeper gained promotion after showing up in the successful Wollongong youth team this season.

YOU have to hand it to Inter Monaro for surprising all their critics and getting off the bottom of the NSL northern division table.

A couple of months ago, Monaro looked certain relegation candidates. Since those dark days, they've gone seven matches without defeat and much of the credit must go to reinstated coach **FRANK MACCARONE**.

If you want confirmation that Monaro have fought their way out of jail, just check the competition table in mid-April.

Monaro were stone cold last with the dreadful record of ... played six, lost six.



WEST ADELAIDE coach **NEIL McGACHEY** has a novel way of summing up the youthfulness of his team.

"At the airport coming back from away games, **GRAHAM HONEYMAN** and I front up at the bar. The rest of the team plays Space Invaders."



Ian Gray.

WOLLONGONG CITY supporters had their doubts when coach **ADRIAN ALSTON** named **LARRY GAFFNEY** at left-back this season.

Gaffney made a late start after being in dispute with the club over terms but is making up for lost time.

A veteran of more than 200 NSL games with Brisbane City and Wollongong, Gaffney is best known as a midfielder but is doing a great job in the defence.

Alston said Gaffney has been one of the key players in the team's improved showings in the second round.

"Gaffney came into the side when we desperately needed to start picking up points," Alston said.

"He has the experience to make a success of his new role and some of his opposing wingers are finding he isn't slowing down with age."



Mike Gibson

GARY SPROUL, who started the season as West Adelaide's first choice goalkeeper, is still out of action and looks like missing the rest of the season.

He is recovering from a knee operation which proved more complicated than at first thought.



SYDNEY OLYMPIC coach **MANFRED SCHAEFER** was discussing the success of guest player **DAVE PROVAN**.

Said Manfred: "Provan was brought here to play football. We don't bring guests here to make speeches."

The Olympic coach made it quite obvious that he was having a dig at **KEVIN KEEGAN**, who guested with Blacktown City.

Shame on you Manfred. As any Blacktown supporter will testify, Keegan not only made brilliant speeches, but also gave 100 per cent value on the pitch.

No guest in the history of the NSL has made a bigger impact on Australian soccer than the great **KEVIN KEEGAN** ... on and off the field of play.



LARRY GAFFNEY

refuses to get too excited about that.

"I never count my chickens before they're hatched. Let's be humble until the time is right for celebrations," says Ron.

Cavagnino pays a big tribute to coach **LES SCHEINFLUG** for guiding the team to the top of the table.

Scheinflug believes recent successes are due to a tightening up in defence.

He also points out that the signing of outstanding midfielders **PETER TREDDINICK** and **IAN GRAY** from Apia Leichhardt were "very good buys."

Les is not kidding. How could Apia afford to lose such talent?



MARCONI now look a very good bet to win the northern division of the National League but president **RON CAVAGNINO**



KEVIN KEEGAN



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Hopkins, Joey Jones,
Neil Slatter, Robbie
James.

MIDDLE ROW: Dr.
Graham Jones (team
doctor), Kenny Jackett,
Steve Lovell, Eddie
Niedzwiecki, Neville
Boumali, Mark Bowen,
Clayton Blackmore, Doug
Livermore (coach).

FRONT ROW: Peter
Nicholas, David Phillips,
Kevin Ratcliffe, Mike
England (manager), Ian
Rush, Mickey Thomas,
Mark Hughes.

THE RED DRAGONS

WORLD CUP RIVALS
FOR SOCCEROOS?

SOCCEROOS DON'T WORRY KIWI COACH FALCON

NEW ZEALAND soccer coach Kevin Fallon says there is nothing to fear from the Australian World Cup squad that played the internationals last month.

The squad selected by Australian coach Frank Arok was based on the one that toured Britain, and Fallon believes NZ is quite capable of beating it in the World Cup qualifiers in Auckland on September 21 and Australia on November 3.

"Marshall Soper, Ken Murphy and Joe

Watson are all very good players. But there are some rubbish ones in there as well - and I certainly don't rate their fullbacks," said Fallon.

"Man for man our side will be just as good as they are," he said.

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Fallon, meanwhile,

has stuck to his tried and tested players as was evident in the Kiwi 18-man squad that took on Newcastle United and Fiji last month.

He said it would form the basis of his regular World Cup squad.

It includes only five players who appeared for New Zealand at the

1982 World Cup finals in Spain - goalkeeper Frank van Hattum and midfielders Kenny Cresswell, Steve Summer, Duncan Cole and Allan Booth.

Defender Ricki Herbert, who played for Wolves in England, will also be available for the World Cup games while Fallon is seeking to have young

striker Wynton Rufer, a star of the 1982 campaign, released by Swiss club FC Zurich.

The 18-man New Zealand squad that met Newcastle was: Gosling, Van Hattum, Mulligan, Cresswell, Metzger, Dunford, Hobbs, Booth, Byrne, Summer, Cole, Edge, Henry, Simonsen, Hagan, Birch, Little.

BY FRANK COLETTA



WARNING FOR DRINKERS

IF you want to play for New Zealand in the World Cup, don't touch the booze!

That could be the message for the Kiwis from the new sponsors of the national squad — the Alcoholic Liquor Advisory Council (ALAC).

ALAC's director Keith Evans admitted the sponsorship was a "leap into the dark for a public health organisation."

But he says ALAC is trying to spread the message that people are fitter, happier and

healthier if they don't drink too much.

NZFA chairman Charlie Dempsey described the sponsorship as "most appropriate for the code of soccer."

The cash was substantial — \$NZ200,000.

Half of it will go into promoting the All Whites through TV advertising, and the rest in cash.

New Zealand's coach KEVIN FALCON

have a new look team these days.

"I don't want to give too many secrets away because Kevin will shoot me but we are a lot quicker on the ball."

"The defence is tight and our flankmen are fast and we are scoring goals."

RUFER'S LAST GAME FOR NZ

WORLD Cup striker Wynton Rufer, whose spectacular goals helped shoot the All Whites into the 1982 finals in Spain, believes he may have played his last match for New Zealand.

But while the demands of professional soccer in Switzerland may have curtailed Wynton Rufer's career in an All White shirt, brother Shane is keen to wear the silver fern again — provided his Swiss club is willing to release him.

The two brothers came back to their Miramar, Wellington, home for a three-week holiday at Christmas while the Swiss league went into its traditional mid-winter break, and both had success stories to tell. But the question of playing again for the All Whites posed them difficulties.

Wynton, 22, said the prospect of his taking long breaks to fly across the world for international duty with New Zealand did not find favour with his club, FC Zurich. Neither does he have a clause in his contract which gives him the automatic right of release if selected by New Zealand.

"For me, football is a business and I just have to look at it like that. Zurich have been really good to me and I cannot let them down. I have to see things from their point of view and if they are not happy at the idea of releasing me to play for New Zealand, then I have to understand that."

"I do miss being involved in international football. But while I have missed out on that I have still been playing every week in a top standard of football, among good footballers, and that has improved my own game."

"Probably, I played my last game for New Zealand against Brazil — which wasn't a bad way to go out."

Elder brother Shane, 24, may also run into problems in getting

By DAVE MacINTYRE



SHANE: Wants to play for NZ again.

a release if asked to play for New Zealand, but he would dearly like a return to the international scene.

Although he first won international selection as a striker, he has established himself as a defender with Swiss first division side Zug, and is expected to return to FC Zurich when his loan period expires this season.

Asked how he felt about playing for the All Whites, Shane said: "I'd love to play for New Zealand, but it would be difficult. I just can't let myself think about it."

The situation relating to Shane's position could have been clarified by a direct approach to him from either the NZFA or coach Kevin Fallon, stating whether they wanted him to play.

There had been no such approach when Shane was spoken to, a few days before returning to Switzerland. Without a direct indication from the management that they want him, he is understandably not inclined to start talking to his employers about a release.

Both the Rufers feel that Fallon's preference for a direct style of play would suit most New Zealand players.

After a poor start to the season, Zurich produced an unbeaten run which helped towards Wynton's selection as Swiss Player of the Month for November.



WYNTON: NZ days may be over.

The two brothers twice came into contact on opposite sides during the first half of the season. In the first game, a cup tie, Zurich scraped home 3-2 and in the second they ran out 5-1 winners. But Wynton, who was marked by Shane in that game says the scoreline flattered Zurich.

After two and a half years in Zurich, Wynton is totally adjust-

ed to the Swiss lifestyle. He speaks the Swiss dialect of German fluently, and carries a Swiss passport as well as a New Zealand one.

As a Swiss national he must do 17 weeks of military training beginning on 4 February, but even this does not upset him. "I will still be able to play football, so it should not disrupt things too much," he said.

WYNTON: Home for summer break.

Profile

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

**JOHN
KOSMINA**



STAR PROFILE

BORN AND BIRTHPLACE:
17.8.56, Adelaide.

HEIGHT: 5'11".

MARRIED: Yes to Judy and have a son Nathan.

OCCUPATION: Sales Rep with Nike Sportswear.

PLAYING POSITION: Central Striker.

CLUBS PLAYED FOR: Polonia (S.A.), West Adelaide, Arsenal, Sydney City.

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Joe Watson, Charlie Egan, Kenny Dalglish and George Best.

FAVOURITE CLUBS: Sydney City, Arsenal and Liverpool.

CAR: Berlin Commodore.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT IN SOCCER: Not qualifying for the World Cup Finals in 1978 with Jimmy Shoulder and in 1982 under Rudi Gutendorf. Also not playing more games in Arsenal's first team when I was in England.

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My dad.

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS OR HOBBIES: Surfing, Squash, Golf and Tennis.

FAVOURITE FILM STARS: None really.

LONG TERM AMBITIONS: To make money and be a success.

SUPERSTITIONS: None at all.

FAVOURITE MUSIC: Tim Buckley and Bruce Springsteen.

MAJOR INJURIES: Bad groin strain.

BEST TEAM IN RECENT INTERNATIONAL SERIES: Australia.

BEST PLAYER FOR AUSTRALIA IN SERIES: All the players in the Australian team.

NATIONAL TEAM TO WORRY

AUSTRALIA QUALIFYING FOR 1986 WORLD CUP: All of them but especially the final hurdle where we could meet Scotland, Spain or now even Wales.



**AUSTRALIAN
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**'IT WON'T BE EASY'
— JIMMY SHOULDER**

THERE is no such thing as an easy draw in world competition, whether in the World Cup itself or the World Youth Championship.

That was Young Socceroo coach Jimmy Shoulder's message to

his 30-member World Youth Championship training squad as they assembled in the national capital for a three-day training camp last week.

"I'm concerned that our players have been reading too many press reports that we have an easy draw and are already guaranteed a place in the quarter finals," said Shoulder.

The Young Socceroos have been drawn with hosts the Soviet Union, Nigeria and Canada, with the top two going through to the quarter finals.

"Funny enough, the game that worries me the least is the WYC opener against the Russians," was Shoulder's opinion.

"It could be a blessing in disguise to catch the hosts first up as they will be under enormous pressure to perform in front of a capacity home crowd."

"People who underestimate Nigeria and Canada really don't

know what's happening in world soccer.

"The Africans, as we all know and witnessed at past World Cups, are improving at a fantastic rate and Billy Bingham, who was here for the FIFA Coaching Course recently, saw them play earlier this year and was most impressed.

"The Canadians also won't be the pushovers everyone expect.

"Their game is at a similar stage of development as ours and their current youth team — has had heaps of international experience.

"Soccer nations' senior reputations really don't carry through to Youth soccer and don't count for a lot when it comes to assessing the strengths and weaknesses of youth soccer."

Last week's training camp in Canberra saw Shoulder perform the thankless task of

PETER Petkovski (right) in action against Israel in the Oceania qualifying series. He will be a key player in the WYC finals for Jimmy Shoulder's team.

trimming his 30-strong squad to the touring 18 plus six on standby.

Then follows two

preparation games against the NSW and Victorian senior teams as curtain-raisers to the Socceroos forthcoming international matches on Wednesday, July 31 in Sydney and Sunday, August 4 in Melbourne.

The Young Socceroos leave on August 9 for a training camp in Holland with four warm-up games — two easier ones, one against the Dutch Youth team and one against a first division side.

Then on to Minsk

and the Soviet Union in the championship opener, the third time incidentally that the Young Socceroos have played in the WYC opening match.

Apart from the physical, technical and tactical training, Shoulder has briefed his young charges on off the field "things you can, and can't do in a country like Russia," he says.

Overall, Shoulder is delighted with the Young Socceroos preparation — "Things couldn't be better in every respect from preparation, medical back-up, travel

arrangements and training facilities.

"At the end of the day we will have no excuses and it won't be a matter of we could have done better IF!"

If Shoulder is pleased with the preparation, he is understandably disappointed at the loss of skipper Andrew Bernal.

"Whilst Andrew is a great loss no player is indispensable," he said.

"We will miss his experience and leadership but perhaps the heaviest blow about his withdrawal is that we

have to move another key player (Hooker) to the sweeper position and find another full-back."

Finally, a Shoulder comment on the Bernal withdrawal and the difficulty Australia is going to have in retaining its best young players.

"Bernal's club signed an agreement to release him for the WYC.

"But that still doesn't stop the club blackmailing the player by saying — sure go and play for the Young Socceroos but when you return, there will be no contract for you at this club."



ROBERT HOOKER

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TRIP
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CANBERRA CITY Olympians will approach the ASF and the Papua New Guinea Soccer Federation for permission to play two matches in PNG in September this year.

The proposal has tremendous promotional possibilities as Canberra will play their 18 year old PNG player Manis Lamond in the series.

Lamond, who is receiving heaps of publicity in his home country as one of the few PNG sports people to "make it" in another country, would be a natural drawcard should the ASF and PNG Federations agree to the Canberra City tour.

Perhaps Canberra could find another Manis on the trip!



MANIS LAMOND

**BANK CUP IS
IN SPOTLIGHT**

IN a dramatic break from tradition, one semi-final and the final of this year's Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup will be played before major senior games.

The first semi-final will be the curtain raiser to the Australia v Red Star Belgrade international match at St George Stadium on Sunday, August 4.

The final will be played as the lead-up game to the Sydney Olympic v Preston NSW Cup Final, again at St George Stadium, on Friday, August 16.

All parties are to be congratulated on the

For too long, senior and junior organisations have been too far apart. Now that Australia's premier schoolboy event is staging its glamour matches prior to major local and international fixtures this is a great thing for all concerned.

This year's Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup which, like most competitions this

year lost its way due to the incredibly bad weather, is now taking shape.

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WRONG WRITER!

Last week on the Johnny Warren page appeared an exclusive story on Andrew Bernal by-passing the World Youth Finals in Russia for a place in the Spanish club side Sporting Gijon.

Unfortunately an error by our assembly artist had David Jack as the writer of the story when, in fact, it was the work of Johnny Warren. We apologise for the error.

QUEENSLAND VIEW

GIANT KILLERS

BUNDABERG soccer passed another milestone at Martens Oval last week when the Mighty Maroons staged a courageous second half fight-back to down the star-studded Brisbane Premier League side, Coalstars, 2-1 in the quarter-finals of the Ampol Cup.

BY FRANK COLETTA

Coalstars went to the half-time break holding a one-nil lead and looked as though it was about to put a stop to the Maroons hopes of reaching the final.

However, a bold move midway through the second half by Bundaberg coach, Jim Selby, when he substituted Tony Giovannoni nad Ross Barbera with Trevor Rohdmann and Chris Thomas, changed the match.

There was no denying the Bundaberg team played badly in the first half and the introduction of new blood in the second half was the tonic it needed to get moving.

"I knew we needed to do something in the second half and that we had to win the match before it went into extra time," said Selby.

"We had so many players suffering from the 'flu that if the match had gone into

extra time, they would have simply worn us down."

The Bundaberg coach praised the team and said even though it played badly and won, it showed the team had a lot of character.

Disappointed

Coalstars coach, Brian Syles said after the match he had been disappointed with the result and said it typified the way the team was performing in the Premier League.

"We had a couple of chances to push our lead ahead, but instead we made two silly mistakes at the back and we lost. "I'm not making any excuses, we lost," said Syles.

The opening 20 mi-



Bundaberg's Dale Zimmerlie and Coalstars' Mark Brusasco go back-to-back in their bid for possession during the exciting Ampol Cup soccer quarter-final.

notes of the match resembled a local club encounter rather than a vital Ampol Cup quarter-final.

Ampol Cup win

The Bundaberg players appeared to be very hesitant and consequently Coalstars tended to dominate the match.

Barbera and Peter Wells had half chances to put the home side into the lead, but in the end nothing came of either chance.

The Maroons looked as though it might go into the lead at the 23 minute mark when the

ball was knocked high into the Coalstars penalty area and Aldo Bareta, Wells and Coalstars keeper John Petie, all went up for the challenge.

For a heart-stopping moment it looked as though Bundaberg had opened its account, but the ball went behind for a goal kick.

John Kitching missed a clear chance at the 30 minute mark when he hit a sitter over the top from the edge of the six-yard area.

Six minutes from half time Coalstars went to the lead when

Dave Allen was left unmarked on the edge of the six yard area and wasted no time slotting the ball under keeper Michael Bainbridge.

It looked as though the writing was on the wall for Bundaberg and even more so minutes into the second half when Mark Brusasco hit the upright with the Maroons' defence stranded.

However, the match took a turn at the 20 minute mark, two minutes after Selby put Thomas in, when Jon Lerch knocked a free kick across the face of the Coalstars

goal and Paul Bongioletti arrived on the scene with the speed of an express train.

The Coalstars keeper could only watch as Bongioletti headed the ball into the back of the net.

The equaliser fired the Maroons into action and at the 32 minute mark if went to the lead for the first time in the match.

Bareta outsmarted the Coalstars defence and knocked a low ball across the penalty box into the path of Thomas, who wasted precious second whipping the ball past Petie.

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SHOCKS IN YOUTH SQUAD

AS USUAL WITH ANY representative squad selection discrepancies and differences over who missed out and who got in will arise.

The Australian youth side to play in the Youth finals in Russia next month is no different. It was selected during the week and it contained a few surprises.

The unavailability of former captain Andrew Bernal (exclusive to ASW last week) really threw an unwanted spanner into the works during the last fortnight and coach Jimmy Shoulder was given the task of finding a successor to the young Gijon bound youngster, this task he did admirably by appointing Robert Hooker as captain and sweeper — a straight swap of Bernal's two positions.

Good news also came with the knowledge that both Andrew Koczka and Warren Spink were included.

However the absence of quality players of the calibre of Blacktown's fullback Martin Bourke, St. George utility Pedro Rico and Adelarde's central defender Alex Tobin were poor mistakes and their experience may well be sorely missed behind the iron curtain.



Chris Kalantzis: Key man in the Youth sides quest.

Admittedly there are a few players in the squad that should count themselves extremely fortunate to have been included, if they have not improved immensely since the qualifiers they will more than struggle in Russia.

The squad will begin training almost immediately for our fans to next month's international tournament involving the senior national side.

The youth team will play in Sydney and Melbourne before flying to Holland on August 9 for several warm-up games before going to the Soviet Union.

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The Saints wallop Apia 4-1 last week in a deferred match and the result gave Arok's men a huge confidence boost.

Apia last Wednesday could not hold the

By JOHN ECONOMOS

ST GEORGE, having given Apia a hiding last Wednesday night, are keenly looking forward to the return fixture...next Sunday at St George Stadium.

"Forget what happened last Wednesday...this is a new ball game," warned St George coach, Frank Arok last night.

The Saints wallop Apia 4-1 last week in a deferred match and the result gave Arok's men a huge confidence boost.

Apia last Wednesday could not hold the

"red-streak" Robbie Slater who cracked a superb hat-trick, rattled the post with a 20 metre drive and set-up the fourth goal scored by Vic Bozanic.

After suffering a goal-drought for most of the season, the Saints are no longer shot-shy.

Yesterday, the Saints picked up yet

another two precious League points when they crushed Blacktown City 3 nil at the Gabbie Stadium.

Slater knocked in another two goals with Trevor Morgan scoring the third.

Apia managed to defeat Newcastle 1 nil yesterday with a goal from defender, Tom Stevens.

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WILL WHITE EVER HIT 250 MARK?

BY PHIL MURPHY

LONG-SERVING Fairy Meadow full-back Micky White is still waiting to make his 250th league appearance for the club — he has been waiting since the end of last season.

White, who played his first game for the club when he was 15, helped Fairy Meadow gain promotion to the NSW State League last season.

He was injured in a pre-season match this year and when he came back, discovered Reg Chilby had taken a firm grip on the right back spot.

This left White in reserve grade and he has been there ever since.

Two weeks back, defender Paul Jones was in doubt with an injury and coach John Fleming intended bringing White back in for his 250th match.

That was when White turned up at training with his arm in plaster, having broken it without knowing when he fell in reserve grade the previous weekend.

It could be he's destined not to play that 250th game.

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COACH John Boyle is hoping his young side have managed to avoid the big drop from premier league this season.

Boyle gained a bit of breathing space when Shellharbour beat Bellambi recently to move away from bottom pair, Corrimal and Oak Flats.

In his first season in the job, Boyle lacks experienced players to work with but is bringing along some good young talent.

Sinker Greg Crowl is gaining valuable experience after coming into first grade last season and Ivan Sovrano is playing well up front having got two of the goals in the 3-0 win over Bellambi.

Full-back Gerald McCormack and winger Mark Morgan are among the younger brigade who show plenty of promise while the evergreen John Lloyd is making things tick over in midfield.

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WHAT a difference a week makes...

West-Figtree should have had their players swabbed after they beat premiers Fernhill 6-0 at Fernhill.

Just six days earlier, Figtree looked a very ordinary side when they lost their Bampton Cup quarter-final 3-0 to Fernhill.

It was a real form reversal when Figtree gained revenge and marked a return to form for winger Ron van der Voorde.

Van der Voorde gave the Fernhill defence a torrid time and was rewarded with a hat-trick.

The win could also be the start of Figtree's march to the semi-finals after a frustrating run of seven draws in the first round.

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WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA have missed out on building up their goalkeeper strength after deciding against signing Natch Vardareff from Wollongong City.

Vardareff will remain a spectator for the rest of the season.

WHAT HAPPENED TO AUSSIE PLAYERS?

BY TOM MCKAIN

HOW times have changed. What happened to that glorious concept of having teams made up of Australian born players?

Now there isn't a team in the NSL which isn't looking for guest stars or "permanent" imports.

They are right, and so were the people who claimed there were not enough young local stars to go around and even less to pull in the fans.

Celtic's Davie Provan proved the point guesting with Sydney Olympic, the club that got rid of another Scot, Steve Patterson.

Veteran Kevin Keegan was a hit, and now South Melbourne is falling over itself to sign former Glasgow Rangers striker David Mitchell, back in Australia to attempt to hold his Socceroo berth.

Adelaide City has already signed Rangers' Colin McAdam, and as a member of the Scottish Professional Footballers

Association committee, he has promised to find City two more imports, and also to help West Adelaide coach Neil McGachey, who will be sent to the UK at the end of the season to sign three players.

West was another club which tried to bread its own talent, but as I've said so often before, if England can't produce enough players without importing Scots, Irish, Welsh and continental, what hope has Australia?

The Italians and Spanish also import their full quota of foreign stars.

West has introduced a policy which will see it signing three imports for next season, then work on one new import each year on a one-season contract.

This will keep the

fans interested and also provide their youngsters with team-mates who can teach them something.

West has also decided to overcome one of the major problems of signing new players getting them here in November, instead of waiting until January, or the start of the NSL season, before making a move.

West had a frustrating experience with England star Frank Worthington, who could give them no answer about guesting until the end of the English season.

In the end they called off the deal, but could do with him now as they struggle to score goals to keep out of the relegation zone in the Southern Division.

With Worthington, they could have been heading for the top five play-offs.



DAVIE Provan was a big hit with Sydney Olympic

BORING FOOTBALL FROM CANBERRA

BY MIKE JOHNSON

"THE idea was to stop them playing and not give anything away, and we did that to perfection..."

This was the Canberra City strategy in its recent game against St George in Sydney.

The ploy produced a 1-1 draw, which apparently satisfied Canberra.

On the other hand, it totally dissatisfied those watching the game who were bored to tears.

With Canberra positioned on the table above the mediocre Saints, it seemed Canberra brought an excessively "canny" approach into this match.

Teams bent on giving nothing away, usually do that. They give nothing to oppo-

nents or to spectators.

Their tight-fisted approach nullifies all flair and improvisation from their own game, whilst blunting that of their opponents, leaving the match dull and drab, devoid of exhilaration or excitement.

Such is often the case with the F.A. Cup Final in England.

I make those points about Saints and Canberra after observing that on that particular Sunday, two weeks ago, in both the northern and southern divisions of the National League, there were only two games watched by more than 2000 spectators.

A reason for the poor crowds is to do with the quality of the games.

Teams which go out to "stop them from playing" without playing themselves are a big factor in driving spectators from the game.

To be sure, a team like Wollongong would need to adopt that strategy against most teams in the league, just as Australia has done in many of its recent games against highly-rated European opponents.

However, to put a stranglehold on a game against a team below you in the league is surely over-cautious.

Winning games is vital to spectators and club officials alike.

However spectators are also showing (by their absence) that they want to see talent and skill.

Players need to be given the chance to express their talents, and teams need to be able to entertain while winning.

Most people have got something better to do these days than watch boring Soccer on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon.



TONY Franken ... wouldn't like to be called boring.

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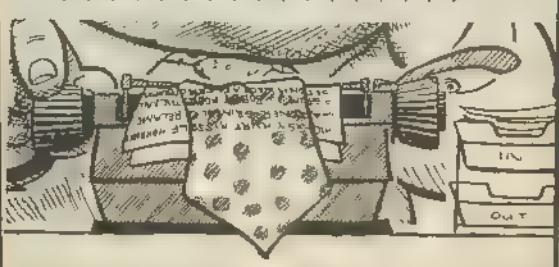
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If you want to get something off your chest, have a complaint, praise something or someone, express your thoughts on a player or just plain suggest something, drop us a line.

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TAKE TO THE TOWN!

Dear Sir,

Having been a player and a follower of soccer for the last 15 years it's no longer a secret that soccer in this country is an ethnic past time.

This fact was particularly highlighted when the Socceroos played Vasco Da Gama in front of a lousy 10,000 people at the MCG.

It therefore is obvious that if there is no Greek or Yugoslav team playing in Melbourne or Sydney games like the one mentioned they are going to prove a financial fiasco.

I like to make a suggestion to the ASF, that rather than playing Australia v New Zealand in Sydney or Melbourne it should consider 'Townsville' as an alternate venue. To my mind Townsville is the only Australian city where soccer has a larger following than Rugby League, Aussie Rules and Union.

The city's ground (The Townsville Sports Ground) has been known to have accommodated crowds of 15,000 people.

Such a total is achievable after a two week TV and radio advertising campaign and considering the public of the Far North which is starved of international sport.

Peter Lastra,
Heatley, Townsville

ED-There is no doubt that areas such as Townsville are starved of international competition and one must feel for them, but they are not on their own and to take a major international as important as the Oz-Kiwi clash away from the big cities is not going to eventuate - not for a while anyway. On the other hand a match between Australia and a touring club side may well be worthwhile.

BLACKTOWN HAVE GOT IT RIGHT

Dear Sir,

I think you should be made aware of the way Blacktown City is attempting to promote the game and also that they have formed its' own Promotions Committee of which I am the secretary.

This committee welcomes any suggestions on how to improve the image of the game and how we can sell it to the paying spectator.

We have organised a mini-Demons competition for Under 6 year olds and are currently at the semi-final stage of our inter-club penalty competition which is attracting some local interest.

These competitions have been designed for youth to compete and for parents to support thus enhancing our family atmosphere.

P. Passant,
Winston Hills, NSW

ED-It is great to learn that some of the clubs are going out of their way to aid soccer in general and those who do must be commended, as for the others well... As for the inter-club penalty comp I think it is a fine idea and having viewed the finished product - a very entertaining one.

HOOLIGANISM UNDER MICROSCOPE?

Dear Sir,

A much needed meeting between the English football authorities and the Prime Minister, Mrs Margaret Thatcher some 2 months back was to examine the ever-present problem of hooliganism at English football matches concluded with a six week trial period for the ideas to be put into practice by the football clubs.

In looking upon several of these so-called ideas that may in some way curb hooliganism, the government could hardly be described as representing a radically new approach to the problem of soccer violence.

Rather they seemed borne out of an ignorance of what exactly happens on the terraces of football grounds. Most of the ideas have already been considered at length, and then discarded as impractical by those running the game.

Taking for example the planned ban on the sale of alcohol inside grounds, it is clear that the Prime Minister has never tried to get a drink on the terraces in a match.

Usually the crush in front of the bar is such that the chances of getting through more than once are minimal. On the other hand, stopping the sale of alcohol will unfairly punish those clubs who have no hooligan problem and who rely in part on bar-takings to stay in business.



An example of the chaos modern day hooliganism causes. Zbignew Boniek attempts to console a distressed Juve fan during the 1985 European Cup final.

Above all, merit must go to the government's plan to stop those who are already drunk from entering the grounds, as is the case in Scotland.

Another idea the football authorities have been told to examine is the introduction of identity cards for supporters. Such a move would clearly be disastrous to the majority of clubs, and it has already been rejected out of hand by most League Chairmen. Quite simply it would prevent the casual supporter from getting into grounds.

Some estimates put the number of uncommitted fans going to matches as being as high as 30% of the average Saturday attendance.

Losing the support of such law-abiding people because they do not hold identity cards would deal the game a severe financial blow.

On the credit side, the government's call for better fencing at grounds, more all-ticket matches, and the installation of close circuit television cameras to spot trouble-makers are worthy of serious consideration.

But the most important aspect of the meeting with Mrs Thatcher is the fact that it took place at all.

The football authorities have been arguing for some time now that the government should share the responsibility for dealing with the ugly factor that is endangering the future of the game.

What they want now is legislation directing courts to deal far more severely with those found guilty for violence at football matches.

In the end, such treatment could well prove to be the only effective cure.

Andrew Chryssavlis,
Bondi Beach, NSW

ED-What more can I say! No seriously hooliganism is a wound in soccer that may never be healed. No matter what steps the authorities take to attempt to quell it there will always be that minority that will continue their own sick 'personal war'.



A lot at Kenilworth Road the home of Luton Town.

ASF M HAVE THEIR SAY

Dear Sir,

It is always a matter of great concern to all in the game of soccer when any section of the media prints, broadcasts or gives an opinion on soccer based on falsehoods or on unsubstantiated claims, leaving readers, viewers or listeners with totally false impressions.

We therefore regret the need to have to write to you to protest at your editorial on TV coverage of the recent International tournament as published in the ASW of June 11.

Whilst not being prepared to set out confidential information on financial sums we will for the benefit of those reader that have been misled set out certain facts about negotiations between ASFM and SBSTV.

FACT 1: In 1984 ASFM entered into a contract with SBSTV giving SBSTV certain exclusive rights to broadcast ALL IN-

ternational soccer matches played within Australia during 1985 and 1986.

FACT 2: Under the terms of the contract SBSTV guaranteed to broadcast a minimum of 10 matches in each year in which the Australian Senior team participated for which an agreed sum was paid.

FACT 3: Under the terms of the contract SBSTV also agreed to pay a certain fixed sum per match for all other matches IF THEY CHOSE to televise those matches.

FACT 4: Under the terms of the contract ASFM set out for the

consideration of SBSTV ALL proposed matches for 1985 involving Australian teams and visiting international teams.

FACT 5: As was their right SBSTV declined to take up any matches other than the guaranteed 10. It was agreed between ASFM and SBSTV that those 10 would be the forthcoming Ampol Cup and Australia's World Cup qualification matches.

SBSTV also agreed in the interests of the game that ASFM had the right to sell the rights to all other matches to other networks.

FACT 6: As provided for under the

contract, ASFM immediately commenced negotiations with commercial TV networks to provide telecasts of the matches that SBSTV unfortunately declined.

FACT 7: Thankfully, at the 11th hour, SBSTV made a request to ASFM to in fact broadcast 10 minute highlights of each preliminary match and 30 minutes of each final.

ASFM Limited,
P.W. Sheean.

ED-Harsh though it was this letter rests on its laurels as the above mentioned article was written by a former editor

JUNIOR SCENE

Compiled by
Keith Gilmour

AIS INTAKE

THE National U16 Championship to be held in Melbourne in the next school holidays, provide a ready vehicle for players wishing to enter the Australian Institute of Sport.

Ron Smith, Jim Shoulder's enthusiastic assistant, will be on hand for a final sifting out of the prospects.

Apart from the U16s, there will also be an intake from those who were under view at the U18 Nationals which were held in May.

Not one of the current crop of U16s for China will still be there for the next tournament in two years' time.

Coach Vic Daigleish and his able assistant Bruce Stowell will have their squad

together at the Camperdown Travelodge from July 19/25 prior to departure for China.

With the party will be former AAP executive Lyall Rowe.

He has been engaged by Kodak to ensure the best possible flow of news back to Australia.

Demonstrating further the wonderful range of opportunities available to young Australians in soccer is the Young Soccer under 20 exercise.

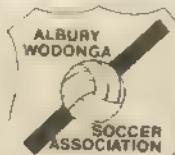
They leave Australia on August 9 for the World Youth

Championships in Russia.

An excellent array of games has been arranged for them in Holland to sharpen them up for the conditions they will face when they pierce the Iron Curtain.

Coming up in NSW is the announcement of the players who win scholarships to the UK under the Big Brother Movement scheme.

Sydney solicitor Jock McAusland, a member of the NSW Federation Executive, has done a great job for young Australians in this respect.



A TOTAL of \$1,000 in prizemoney is being awarded by leading Sydney polythene distributors Serderon Pty Ltd.

The split-up is a first prize of \$500, second \$250, third and fourth \$100 each and a consolation prize of \$50.

The prizes go to the five lucky junior associations, clubs, schools and soccer organisations who make the best contributions to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY over the publishing period this year to September 30.

Contribution can be in story and/or pictorial form. Photographs should be in black and white although colour snaps are usually satisfactory as well.

The decision of the editorial staff of ASW will be final.

COUNTRY SLICKERS



Youngsters from as far away as Kempsey, Wagga and Wollongong attended a recent camp conducted by the Sydney City Junior Soccer Club. During the week the players were shown skills such as shooting, dribbling and heading. In the picture are Sydney City staff members Roy Thomas, Joe Watson, Gerry Gomez, John Henderson, Phil Hughes and Chris Bradley.

SOUTH OF THE BORDER

ALBURY and Wodonga have divided up for a senior representative match on Saturday.

There are six clubs in the local association from the Victorian side of the border and six on the NSW side.

The representative game will be played at the Glen Park Oval as part of a weekend Soccer Gala event.

A large crowd is expected and on Sunday the NSW Country U13 to U16 teams will meet

the teams of the ACT Soccer Academy.

Riverina Branch president Brian McBurnie and NSW Amateur Federation vice-president Bob Maundrell have been the prime movers in setting up the events.

Timing of the representative junior game is: U13, 10am; U14, 11.30am; U16 1pm; U16 2.45pm.

ALAN CARTHEW is coach of Green Island Soccer Club in Inter Urban Division 4.

Cartew was born in Birmingham, England, where he coached in the Premier League.

His aims for the club are:

(1) To be promoted into State League.

(2) To acquire its own grounds and build a clubhouse.

The Green Island club is a branch of the Cyprus Turkish Association and has an average crowd following of between 250 to 350.

The players consist of Turks, Turkish-Cypriots, Italians, South Africans, Lebanese and Czechoslovakians.

Brothers Erkin and Ercan Osman play for the Australian indoor soccer team.

The club has four sponsors this season: H. Dervish, Golden Horn, Direct Smash Repairs and K. Hassip and Sons Ltd.

Team manager is Hakk Hassan.



Strain shows in this youngster's keenness to get the ball. The match was between North Caringbah and Miranda Magpies.

COUNTRY U16s

THE NSW Country Under 16 squad has a big date with the Victorian State U16s in Albury on July 14. Considering that NSW Country representation is a developing art, the boys will do well if they end up with a creditable result.



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Their results on tour is May were: 1-0 v Macquarie Assn, 2-1 v Mid North Coast Assn, 2-1 v Brisbane South and 2-1 v Brisbane North.

The scorers were Mark Roche (Western NSW) 3, Phillip Dunn (Western NSW) 2, Joe Sergi and Craig Weldon (Riverina) 1 each.

YOUTH LEAGUE

BOUHOUTSOS AT PEAK

AUSTRALIA'S Under 16 National team goalkeeper George Bouhoutsos was in peak form when Sydney Olympic defeated St George 3-1 at Peakhurst Park on Saturday.

Bouhoutsos, chosen for the Australian team to compete in the Kodak World Youth Tournament which begins in China on July 31, saved some point blanc shots.

His superb form rubbed off on the balance of the players. Confidence increased and from being 0-1 down they went to a 3-1 victory.

Bouhoutsos, who is likely to see action against Argentina, Congo and West Germany in Tianjin, is already often appearing in Olympic's U19 National Youth League team.

Midfielder/sweeper Eric Hrist was in his usual great touch for Olympics U15s, who went down 3-1.

State player Steve Refines has been out with a knee injury and his doctor has ordered him to rest up for a few more games.

Reliable defender Peter Xenos is back after injury but he is yet to regain his touch.

The U14 side won 3-0 after drawing in the first round.

This team possesses three State players in striker Mick Tsingolis, left midfielder Samuel Munarath and defender Kerry Agiostis.

Tsingolis has had a number of games up in the U15 team and is yet another bright prospect for the club.

The U13 drew 1-1 and were perhaps unlucky not to have won out on the day.

The team has two State players — the very versatile George Souras and goalkeeper Scott Smith.

Club president Nick Smilas emphasised the policy that his Greek — backed club was not strictly for Greeks.

"Olympic wants the best — it is not just a matter of national background," he emphasised.

YOUTH LEAGUE SAT JULY 6

GROUP A

	U13	U14	U15	U16
APIA-Leichhardt v Nepean	2-0	1-0	0-0	2-0
St George v Olympic	1-1	0-3	3-1	1-3
Marconi v Cbury-Marr	6-0	1-1	2-0	0-0
Hawarra v Sutherland	2-0	1-4	2-0	1-0
Blacktown City v Granville	2-0	0-2	11-0	0-0

GROUP B

	U13	U14	U15	U16
Central Coast v Gladesville	1-2	0-0	0-1	0-1
Baulkham Hills v S'thern D	3-1	7-1	1-4	0-11
Avala v Croatia	1-0	1-1	4-3	0-1
Manly v Merita	0-2	1-5	0-0	0-0
Nth Bankstown v Ku-ring-gai	1-5	1-0	2-1	1-0

GROUP C

	U13	U14	U15	U16
Rockdale v Canterbury	2-2	6-0	1-1	3-1
Bathurst 75 v Macarthur	0-6	1-7	0-7	0-1
Blacktown v Sydney City	1-3	0-3	1-2	1-0
Campbelltown v Yugal	5-0	0-2	3-0	3-1
Bankstown bye				

DEFERRED GAMES SUN JULY 7

GROUP A

	U13	U14	U15	U16
St George v Sutherland	1-0	8-1	1-1	2-1
Nepean v Cbury-Marr	1-4	1-1	1-1	1-1
Olympic v Marconi	0-0	1-0	3-0	0-1
Blacktown City v Illawarra	2-0	1-2	0-1	1-0

GROUP B

	U13	U14	U15	U16
Manly v Croatia	1-2	1-1	3-0	0-0
Central Coast v Ku-ring-gai	2-2	1-1	2-2	0-1
Baulkham Hills v Merita	0-0	0-1	1-1	0-7

GROUP C

	U13	U14	U15	U16
Blacktown v Rockdale	2-4	0-3	0-0	1-1
Canterbury v Macarthur	1-4	1-3	0-2	3-1
Campbelltown v Bathurst	5-1	0-1	7-0	2-2

METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

	U11	U12
Gladesville v Bankstown	0-1	1-2
Ku-ring-gai v Canterbury	—	1-6
Blacktown v Granville	—	1-0
Hawarra v Nepean	1-2	—
Southern Distls v Sutherland	1-2	1-0
St George v Macarthur	3-0	3-1

CHRIS JAMES' SCHOOL SELECTIONS

SOME very fine players have come through the Australian Schoolboys' ranks and have cemented positions in top football.

Indeed many of them are Socceroos, youth internationals, or on the verge of selection or re-selection in the national team.

Schools official Chris James has selected teams and reserves from the 1977-80 and 1980-84 crops of players.

Have a look at the quality involved:



1977-1980

PEZZANO (S. City)

Milovanovic (B. City) Yankos (Heidelberg) Blair (Sth Melb) Boogaard (New)

Katholos (S. Olym) Kay (S. City) Raskopoulos (S. Olym) Crino (St Melb)

E. Kmcevic G. Lee (S. City)

Subs: P Tredinnick, K Swan, G Christopoulos, G Woodhouse.

1980-84

Hummel (Cant.)

Hristovski (W. City) Vlietstra (W. City) Bernal (AIS) E. Tapai (Footscray)

Phillips (S. Olym) Bundalo (W. City) Manou (W. Adel) Incatalupo (Brunswick)

Reda (Leich) Lamond (Canberra)

Subs: Londos (S. Olym), Dunn (Canberra), L. Vial (Melita), Driene (Marc)

AT the end of last season we snapped this big array of perpetual trophies at the Sutherland Shire Association's senior presentation night.

Each year in junior Soccer countless thousands of dollars are disbursed in the form of trophies.

This in a way is natural. The players pay their subscriptions, clubs pay affiliation fees, and associations meet their various costs.

But regular vetting is needed to see that the money is well spent.

Associations need to ensure that funds spent on prizes are not out of kilter with what is laid out on the important area of coaching.

And proper coaching certainly leads to more enjoyment of the game.

FOOTWEAR GALORE



A HEAD FOR SKILLS

NSW Under 15 coach Tony Anestassi (see story ASW April 1 issue) is always ready to demonstrate skills to youngsters out on the park.

Here he demonstrates two headers — firstly bringing the ball down, and secondly arching his back and throwing his head back to get some distance into the ball.

Sydney youngster Danny Wright looks amazed at the display of football footwear in the Boot Room at Ipswich Town F.C. Each squad member

has a rack to himself which holds numerous pairs of training boots, running spikes, flat trainers for indoors as well as match boots.

THE RAAF NATIONAL SQUAD

THE team battled hard before going down 3-1 to New Zealand Universities in an international played at the University of New South Wales.

We'll have more news to follow in subsequent issues.



ASW NSW STATE LEAGUE

FAIRY MEADOW 1
ROCKDALE 0

FAIRY MEADOW are still the leaders in the state league after a game that was played in two halves when they beat Attila Abonyi's Rockdale 1-0 at Hurstville.

In the first min Glen Fontana scored from a penalty for Fairy Meadow after Steve Baker was fouled by Pilovski in the area.

For much of the first 20 minutes Fairy Meadow looked like scoring but only to be denied by Rockdale's offside traps.

It was just a case of when Fairy Meadow would get their second goal. Right on half-time Glenn Fontana had a chance but shot inches wide.

In the second half Rockdale decided it was time to turn on some soccer. Brown tested the Fairy Meadow defence. It continued to be a case of missed opportunities all through the second half.

Fairy Meadow only came close in the 65th minutes when Kotzhambos brought off a good save after a Jock Modlanda drive. Best for Fairy Meadow was Rick Peil and for Rockdale Ross Brown.

BY DOMINIC PORPIGLIA

WARRINGAH 0

BANKSTOWN 0

A MATCH that didn't reach any great heights, but where Warringah dominated but failed to take the numerous chances they created.

Despite the domination, Bankstown keeper Don Smith had very little to do, and it was a Bankstown corner in the last minute of the first half that should have given Bankstown the lead when the ball was cleared off the Warringah line by defender David Watt.

Warringah came close in the second minute after the break when mid-fielder Greg Griffin

brought a good save from Smith.

From one of the many Warringah corners, the ball came to Warringah defender Greg Friend who fired over the bar from 12 metres.

Bankstown were unlucky not to get a goal just 2 minutes from full time when Apanian shot from seven minutes which brought a good save from Dean.

The match showed why Bankstown were bottom and Warringah not far above them.

WARRINGAH - Peter Dean, Chris Hanley, Neil Parfitt, David Watt, Greg Friend, Greg Griffin, Roy Jones, Alan Dean, Gary Sandner, John Van Heden, Jim Hughes.

BANKSTOWN - O Smith, G Hutton, A Rajab, J Lahoud, J Popovich, T Antonopoulos, A Nocera, K Ismail, W Apanian, B Green, El Hussein.

MELITA 0
POLONIA 1

THE MATCH was only 3 minutes old when a free-kick by

Ray Farrugia saw the head of Allen flick the ball inches wide.

Melita played very well only to be denied by some good defence. Polonia also played well and in the seventh minute of the second half a good move between Janic and Bratkovic for Polonia saw Popovac dive at the strikers feet to prevent a certain goal.

In the 66th minute a breakaway down the left flank by Bratkovic saw him strike the ball against the upright and score the only goal of the game.

In the 80th minute Allan was denied by the referee after the ball had gone into the net only to be told it was no-goal. Melita's forwards were offside but they hotly disputed it.

Best for Melita were McCoy and for Polonia, Chase.

MELITA - Pupovac, Laing, Orouke, Wilson, McCoy, McAusland, (Farrugia, Williams) (replaced 72min with Dulissa & Callinan) Dalton, Allen, Viale.

POLONIA - Anderson, Falzon, Chau, Lasek, Vujimovic, Kador, Sobczyk, Gieske, Pop, Janic, Bratkovic.

KU-RING-GAI 1
MANLY 1

THIS was a fast and entertaining match, when only the game was 15 minute old a Gogic free kick took a deflection of the wall and the Ku-ring-gai goalkeeper.

Lacy had no chance of

stopping it. Ku-ring-gai had numerous chances but the ball just would not go into the net. Both the replacement Craig Bass and Neil Williamson for Ku-ring-gai should have scored but their lack of finishing denied the side a goal.

With the extra man up front it wasn't long before Ku-ring-gai equalised. In the 72nd minute Neil Williamson crossed to Bass who was there to dive and score with a header from inside the penalty area.

The two Williamson brothers stared for their respective teams.

Karaspulos, Hantzis, Radman, Pena, Ortega, Kirwan, Anagnos, Poulos, Silva, Borges, Hormazabal.

AUBURN - Rosano, Jones, Fobados, Hastic, Krstovic, Fernandez, Saura, Benitez, Vlita, Rodas, Cehana.

SUTHERLAND 0

AVALA 0

IN an evenly contested match both teams picked up points where there were plenty of chances. Sutherland

heavily hit with injuries and the flu unsettled their own match play and due to this fact it cost them the two competition points.

Vic Dalforno was the best player on the park.

SUTHERLAND - Burchmore, Shoeman, Terry, Burrowa, Dalforno, Weber, Meads, Johnson, Rodgers, Beggs, Gray.

AVALA - Phurlow, Jordan, Pratt, Lembrayk, Di Vani, Coote, Ataligic, Jeffrey, Tracey, Carnay, Murray.



DON ALLAN

ALAN VEST

Writes
for
ASW



COURSES AT PARKLEA

THE programme of coaching courses under the National Coaching Scheme will be commencing with Level III courses starting on October 12. The full list of courses offered is listed in the advert below.

As well as the already scheduled courses I would like to run a special level II course for players and would be interested to hear from any player who would like to take part.

All the courses are held at the NSW Soccer Federation at Parklea which has top-class facilities both indoors and outdoors.

— ALAN VEST
Director of Coaching

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BANKSTOWN NATIONAL v KU-RING-GAI

JENSEN PARK

SUNDAY JULY 14:
FAIRY MEADOW v CANTERBURY M'VILLE
MANLY WARRINGAH v ROCKDALE ILINDEN
POLONIA v WARRINGAH NARRABEEN
URUGUAY AUBURN v SUTHERLAND SHIRE
AVALA v MELITA EAGLES .

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KNIGHT PARK No 4

SECOND DIVISION

SATURDAY JULY 13:
Artarmon v Dee Why
Artarmon Res
Cant & Dist v Queens Park
Bick Oval

THIRD DIVISION

SUNDAY JULY 14:
Queens Park v Cant & Dist
Erskineville Oval
Campbelltown City v Penrith United
Lynwood Park
Bathurst '75 v Gladesville H.
Proctor Park
SSC Yugal v Nth Bankstown
Potts Park
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Cawarra Park
Port Hacking v Bondi Manne
Seymour Shaw Park
King Tomislav v Kingsford
Croatian S/G
Campbelltown Dist v North Ryde RSL
Bensley Road
Baulkham Hills v Mt Druitt Town
Ted Horwood Res

SUNDAY JULY 14:

King Tomislav v Granville Dist
Croatian S/G
Uni of NSW v Mt Druitt Town
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Campbelltown Dist v Kingsford
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Ted Horwood Res

SATURDAY JULY 20:
CANTERBURY M'VILLE v MANLY WARRINGAH

ARLINGTON OVAL

SUNDAY JULY 21:
SUTHERLAND SHIRE v FAIRY MEADOW,
ROCKDALE ILINDEN v KU-RING-GAI
MELITA EAGLES v URUGUAY AUBURN
WARRINGAH NARRABEEN v AVALA
POLONIA v BANKSTOWN NATIONAL

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MELITA STADIUM
N'BEEN FITNESS CAMP
CHOPIN PARK

SOCCER WORLD



BRAZIL TALE OF GLORY

BRAZIL's qualification for next year's World Cup in Mexico means they have qualified 13 consecutive times for football's greatest event.

No country in the world can match the Brazilians when it comes to World Cups.

Brazil has another record which will not surprise anyone. It has supplied more players than any other nation to the "World Team" which is nominated after every World Cup.

Those players are:—
1930 — Fausto.
1938 — Domingos, Leonidas.



BANNED CLUBS COULD SUE

FIVE of the six English clubs banned from competing in Europe are considering legal action against UEFA.

The five, Manchester United, Everton, Spurs, Southampton and Norwich, believe they have a case to put to the European Court of Justice.

These clubs claim the ban represents an undue restraint of trade.

Liverpool, the other English club who should be playing in European competition, voluntarily pulled out of Europe before the ban was brought in.

Italy, West Germany, France, Poland, Brazil and Mexico will probably be the seeded teams in next year's World Cup finals in Mexico, according to the Mexican Football Federation.

A spokesman said the list of seedings was given as the most likely by Mr Joao Havelange, president of the International Football Federation, when he arrived in Mexico City on a private visit.

ITALIANS ACCUSED OF MORE BRIBERY

ITALIAN football is once again facing a corruption scandal, with more allegations of matches being fixed.

This time the team involved is Padua, a not very prominent second division side, who are accused of arranging the result of a match which saved

the team from relegation.

It is alleged that Padua won their final game at Taranto 2-1 because they bribed their opponents to

lose. Cagliari were relegated instead of Padua.

Italian Federation enquiries indicate that former Taranto manager Angelo Bechetti, sacked a week before the final match, was offered big money

by Padua officials and the money was to be shared with four players Vito Chimenti, Fabrizio Pase, Giovanni Scarbossa and Angelo Frappamina.

It is claimed the evidence against some Padua officials

is conclusive.

IF these serious charges are proved, Padua will automatically go down to third division in place of Cagliari.

Padua officials have been summoned to face the Italian Football Federation soon.

ZICO STILL ON OUTER

ZICO's transfer from Udinese to Flamengo still has not been finalised, mainly because the Brazilian Central Bank has refused to allow the \$1,500,000 transfer fee to leave the country.

Other sources in Brazil now say they are willing to pay Udinese's fee, allowing Zico to settle in again with Flamengo.

The fact that Brazil has qualified for the World Cup, and a happy Zico is an essential ingredient in the Brazilian national squad, should help overcome the various problems concerning the transfer.

CHILE BIDS FOR WYC

CHILE is celebrating 90 years of football and among the distinguished visitors in Santiago is FIFA president Joao Havelange.

Havelange has given Chile another fortnight to confirm that it is capable of staging the 1987 World Youth Championship.

Chilean president Augusto Pinochet has told Sports Minister Sergio Badolle to go ahead with organisation.

The 1985 WYC was originally supposed to be hosted by Chile but there were problems and it was switched to the Soviet Union.



ZICO

SCHUSTER'S GOLD TROPHY

THE most valuable player in Spain — winner of the Gold Trophy — is Germany's Berndt Schuster of Barcelona.

That award will no doubt bring more pressure on West Germany's manager Franz Beckenbauer to bring Schuster back from the international wilderness.

Beckenbauer, however, has stated he is not going to beg

Schuster to play for Germany.

Schuster appears to have no interest in representing his home country but for the good of the German team, there ought to be some compromise which could be worked out.

SPAIN SNARES TOSHACK

REAL SOCIEDAD have lured John Toshack from Portugal, hoping his coaching expertise will guide the Basque side to the Spanish first division title.

The success of Terry Venables with Barcelona has convinced Sociedad that British coaches have the answer to several problems in the Spanish game.

Toshack enjoyed great results as a

player with the all-conquering Liverpool side and has also done well as coach and manager since.

One of his first signings could take his old Liverpool team-mate David Fairclough to Real Sociedad from Switzerland.



ZIBBY BONIEK

LAUDRUP FOR BONIEK

DENMARK's Michael Laudrup has replaced Zibby Boniek with Juventus, but it has taken the Dane three years to win a place in the side.

Now, with Boniek heading for A.S. Roma, Laudrup gets his chance to shine after being farmed out by Juventus.

Laudrup made his

Italian debut playing for Lazio against Verona on September 11, 1982 and, coincidentally, Boniek's first game in Italy was just 24 hours later when he played for Juventus

against Sampdoria.

Since then, Boniek has been one of Juventus's top performers while Laudrup has had to wait for the big chance which will come in 1985-86.

JUSTIN'S NEW START

JUSTIN FASHANU is determined to start his career all over again, wiping out the memory of the past four miserable years.

The big black man has been transferred from Notts County to Brighton.

At 20, Fashanu became the youngest million pound player in the world when he was transferred from Norwich City to Nottingham Forest.

A star at Norwich, he was a flop at Forest. He lasted only 15 months there before Forest cut their losses and sold him to Notts County for \$200,000.

So Fashanu's value dropped by more than a million dollars in 15 months.

Looking back on the bad years, Fashanu said: "I let myself down. I've done things I'm not particularly proud of and been seen in places that weren't good for my image. I seem to have a reputation as a player who is hard to handle.

"I don't think I'm any more of a problem

than any other players. I lost my way but I still believe I can fulfil my potential.

"The people of Brighton will see the real Justin Fashanu."

His new boss at Brighton, Chris Catlin, says: "Justin knows I believe in him. These last few years he's had plenty of stick — a lot of mud has been thrown at him.

"At Brighton he is certainly going to be worked hard. For a start, he will report for pre-season training with the apprentices ... 10 days before the other players."

Everyone at Brighton hopes the REAL Justin Fashanu will stand up next season.

The reason that any player who was picked 15 times for England Under 21 must have something to offer.



GARTH CROOKS IS EXPENSIVE

SHEFFIELD UNITED, having bought Peter Withe from Aston Villa, would like Chelsea forward Gordon Davies to line up alongside him next season at Bramall Lane.

United boss Ian Porterfield also has eyes on Spurs goalscorer Garth Crooks but Crooks' terms may be beyond the Sheffield United purse.

Crooks picks up \$2,000 a week at Tottenham. Davies earns less than half that at Chelsea.

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HOW much does it cost to get a team promoted from second to first division?

Oxford United's balance sheet indicates it does not have to be a huge expense, providing the club is managed intelligently.

Oxford's loss on the year was \$175,000.



PETER WITHE (left)

ROBSON TURNED DOWN

ENGLAND will qualify for the World Cup if they beat Rumania at Wembley on September 10.

Since the match is so important, team boss Bobby Robson requested that his players be rested from the normal Saturday club matches four days before the World Cup elimination game.

What was the decision? The Football League flatly refused to cooperate with the England manager!

Robson was hoping to have the luxury of a 10-day camp for his players, but now he is stuck with the usual problem of too little preparation plus the risk of injuries from club matches.

In England, nobody can ever accuse football officials of putting country before club!

KIWIS DEFY FIFA

DEFIANT New Zealand says the English teams banned from playing aboard, will always be welcome in NZ.

The Kiwis claim Oceania countries have never had any problems with touring English teams so they will ignore the FIFA ban.

NZ may choose to ignore it, but English clubs will not!

BUCHAN'S BURNLEY BOSS

MARTIN BUCHAN, former Manchester United skipper, has been appointed to his first managerial position — boss of Burnley.

Buchan, a Scottish international of outstanding ability, faces a huge task getting Burnley back on the track.

The Turf Moor side will play in the fourth division — for the first time in their history — next season.

Buchan knows, though, that the potential at Burnley is enormous.

Not so many years ago, Burnley were champions of the first division and Wembley Cup finalists, so there is a history of success which gives Buchan a target to aim at.

At 36, Buchan is young enough to handle the big assignment.

MANCHESTER UNITED were prepared to part with Scottish international Alan Brazil as part of their bid to sign Gary Lineker from Leicester City. Lineker is now with Everton.

Evidently, the big money United spent to buy Brazil has not proved a very good investment.

WORLD CUP WINNERS ALL SET

NEARLY 20 years after winning the World Cup, all 11 players in the successful England side have agreed to turn out against the team they defeated, West Germany.

The match will be at Elland Road, Leeds United's ground, with proceeds going to the Bradford City Fire Disaster Fund.

England's World Cup-winning skipper Bobby Moore said: "This will be the first time since we won at Wembley in 1966 that all 11 World Cup players have appeared together. We are all keen to raise money for such a worthy cause."

Date of this nostalgia fixture at Leeds is July 28.

WBA SIGN VARADI

IMRE VARADI, scorer of 21 goals for Sheffield Wednesday last season, has been transferred to West Bromwich Albion.

The 26 year-old forward was formerly with Everton and Newcastle United.

"Varadi is a quality player and I am glad we have got him," said Albion boss Johny Giles.

The two clubs are trying to sort out an agreeable fee. If they cannot, it will go to arbitration.

NO TEAMS FOR 'SAFE' GROUNDS

STRICT rules on ground safety have staggered at least 20 English clubs in the wake of the Bradford City stand fire.

The clubs, who barely have enough money to tick over, have been told they must spend huge amounts on improving safety for spectators.

Football League chairman Jack Dunnell said there is not one ground in the third or fourth division which could be considered safe.

Some clubs like Brentford, Doncaster and Darlington face huge repair bills if they are to get their grounds in acceptable shape.

Brentford say their repair bill would be \$2,000,000. Doncaster have been told their outlay would be \$1,200,000.

Doncaster chairman Ian Jones says: "Not one part of the ground comes up to scratch. It's appalling."

Darlington, just promoted to third division, fear they will have to pull out if their repairs are extensive.

These are only three of the threatened clubs. There are many more who know there is no way they can raise the sort of money they have been told to spend to make their grounds safe.

If this leads to a mass withdrawal of clubs, next season's Football League competition will have to be drastically pruned.



JACK DUNNETT

VILLA FANS BOOTTED OUT

AFTER talks with the West Midlands Police, Aston Villa have decided to close the north stand at Villa Park to their own fans.

In future, the 4,000 seats in the quite new stand will be allocated to visiting spectators. Some Villa season ticket holders will be moved to other parts of the ground.

Secretary Steve Stride says: "It is a pity but we have no alternative but to cooperate fully with the police."

UK Scene

WOODS SEEKS TRANSFER

NORWICH CITY goalkeeper Chris Woods has asked for a transfer — and been turned down.

Woods made his England international debut in Los Angeles on the recent tour and believes his international future will be jeopardised if he plays in the second division.

Norwich went down at the end of last season.

"I don't want to cause trouble," he said, "and I realise I am contracted to Norwich for another year."

"If Norwich refuse to let me go, I will do everything possible to help the side return to the first division."

"But playing for England is very much on my mind because the World Cup comes up next year."

BOOZE BAN BITTERNESS

THE complete ban on alcohol sales inside football grounds has alarmed many clubs who insist it will cripple their budgets.

The clubs most affected by the ban are those with super luxury private boxes where liquor and food are dispensed during matches.

If ordinary spectators on the terraces cannot consume alcoholic drinks, there would seem to be no justice in people in private boxes being exempt from the ruling.

Tottenham Hotspur reckon the complete

a return to club management.

Hughes has applied for the vacant job at Sunderland, even though he realises the first choice is Lawrie McMenemy.

He doesn't mind playing second fiddle to McMenemy.

Hughes was manager at Rotherham but not for long. If he gets the Sunderland job, he wants his old England international teammate Colin Todd to join him as assistant.

HUGHES WANTS JOB

FORMER England captain Emlyn Hughes is doing quite well these days as a TV commentator but he'll be happy to give up that job in favour of



EMLYN HUGHES

SUPERMARKET SOCCER!

MICK MILLS, former England full-back and captain, has taken over as player-manager at Stoke City.

And he will be relying on a grocery supermarket to help in the revival of the relegated Stoke side.

Mills was warned by club directors that there was no money in the kitty to buy new players. If he wants to buy, he must sell — assuming there are any players on Stoke's books worth big money.

The one ray of hope is that Stoke will clinch a deal with the Asda supermarket chain to buy land owned by Stoke at their Victoria Ground.

If Asda agree to buy, it could put \$15,000,000 into Stoke City's bank account.

Mills played more than 700 first team games for Ipswich Town and Southampton and was capped 42 times by England.

"I am glad to be getting into management — particularly with a club like Stoke," he said after being appointed.

"My first job will be to assess the club and the staff in general."

MICK MILLS



ANDY GRAY ON MOVE?

EVERTON are overloaded with forwards following the signing of Gary Lineker and, although manager Howard Kendall insists it is no problem, the tip is that Scottish international Andy Gray will be sold.

Everton have Adrian Heath back from injury, Paul Wilkinson, signed from Grimsby for \$500,000, Graeme Sharp, Andy Gray and Gary Lineker all bidding for forward line spots.

That's too many strikers for any club to carry on high wages.

SPURS CHASE CHRIS

CHRIS FAIRCLOUGH, the 21 year-old Nottingham Forest defender, has attracted a bid from Tottenham Hotspur.

Spurs are ready to spend \$1,000,000 on Fairclough, but it is unlikely that Forest will be tempted to part.

Forest boss Brian Clough said some time ago that Fairclough would be the first black centre-half to play for England.

GORDON HILL, ex-Manchester United, and Steve Daley, ex-Manchester City, are heading back to England after the collapse of major soccer in the USA.

Hill and Daley seek new clubs for the forthcoming season.

WEST HAM forward Bobby Barnes has asked for a transfer because he fears he will not be a regular first-teamer next season.

To prove he's serious, Barnes has sold his house.

KENNY BURNS, former Scotland World Cup defender, wants a job as a player-manager after leaving Derby County.



ANDY GRAY

MICK FOR NZ

MICK CHANNON, at 37, has been given a free transfer by Norwich City and it could mean the end of his illustrious playing career.

Channon is not worried.

He said: "I shall go to New Zealand to play for a while and then return to England to find a job as a club manager."

Another veteran international released by Norwich is Scot Asa Hartford.

LEIGHTON JAMES, Welsh international who helped Bury win promotion to third division last season, is tipped to become Newport County's player-coach.

James is 32.

LINEKER TRANSFER BOOSTS EVERTON

EVERTON are not resting on their laurels after a couple of tremendous seasons which brought F.A. Cup and first division championship glory.

Everton are the best team in England."

Lineker has big international ambitions and these will certainly be helped by the move from Leicester to Everton.

Lineker, who was also on the shopping list of Manchester United and Liverpool, denied he had talks with those clubs, saying: "I discussed a transfer with only one club — Everton."

"They were top of

the list of clubs I wanted to play for.

"It's not every day a quality player like Gary becomes available," he said, "and we are delighted to have got him."

There is just one small formality — the size of the transfer fee.

Leicester value Lineker at \$1,800,000 but Everton say the figure should be \$1,000,000. No doubt, an independent tribunal will sort out something suitable to both clubs.



ARSENAL's Charlie Nicholas idolises Liverpool's Kenny Dalglish but the pair will be on opposite sides when the new season kicks off in England on August 17.

The Gunners travel to Anfield for Liverpool's first serious match since the Brussels disaster.

Of course, Dalglish could buy Nicholas before that — and then they'd be team mates!